SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that these excess amounts are claimed from the tenants by their land-owners, through courts, will the Government be pleased to expedite payments? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As a matter of fact, they are being expedited. Out of a total amount of Rs. 6,93,000 odd, Rs. 6,81,000 have already been paid. The balance is only a sum of about Rs. 11,000. This figure represents the cases in which the applications have been defective or where the persons are dead, and there is no certainty about the legal heirs. Only such cases are pending. All other cases have been disposed of."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that on a previous occasion, a statement was made on the floor of the House that this Government had given instructions to complete payments by the 15th November, may I know why the payments were not completed by even now? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We cannot just throw away money without knowing to whom it has got to be paid. We cannot also pay money in cases where the applications are defective."

Rural radio sets.

* 28 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rate of production of rural radio sets per month by the State Broadcasting department;

(*b*) the rate of demand by the local bodies in the State;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the demands for the supply of sets are increasing to such an extent that the department is unable to meet the demands even after a lapse of one year from the date of acceptance of cost from the local bodies; and

(*d*) what arrangements the Government propose to make to meet the increasing demand?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The present rate of production of rural radio sets is 50 per month.

" (*b*) The rate of demand by local bodies in the State has been about 65 sets per month during the past twelve months. But a definite forecast is not possible in regard to the future.

" (*c*) Commercial sets suitable for community listening purposes are not available in requisite numbers. This necessitated the designing and assembling of sets departmentally. The designing and testing of these sets, the organization of the laboratory workshops and purchase of necessary materials and radio components from abroad, etc., have taken time. Consequently some villages have had to wait for more than a year.

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" (*d*) In order to meet the increasing demand, a scheme for assembling 600 sets per annum (at the rate of 50 sets per month) has recently been sanctioned. It is expected that this will go a long way towards meeting the demands from the local bodies at an early date."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know why the local bodies were not permitted to purchase radio sets outside the department? " 8-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I want notice of this question."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" What is the sale price of each radio set that is being supplied to the local bodies? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A sum of Rs. 750 for a battery set and a sum of Rs. 490 for a mains set are being levied from the local bodies."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" ఈ radio sets సరిగా పనిచేయుటలేదని మంత్రిగారికి రిపోర్టులువచ్చాయా. అయితే ఎన్ని రిపోర్టులను వారు విచారణచేశారు ?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" కొత్త పంచాయితీలు స్థాపించబడిన తరువాత ఎక్కువ రేడియో సెట్లు కావలసివున్నది కనుక వాటి ఉత్పత్తిని పెంచటానికి ప్రభుత్వం ఇప్పటినుంచీ ప్రయత్నం చేస్తుందా ?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already said that the present staff is quite adequate to manufacture the number of sets that are being demanded by the various local bodies and, if no sets are available, the question will be considered whether the additional staff, additional machinery, and all those things can be provided for increasing the number of sets."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government granting any special concessions in the case of radio sets installed in public institutions by public organizations? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are these radio sets worked by battery also, so that they may be available to villages which have no supply of electricity? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" There are some battery sets also."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Assuming that these rural radio sets are intended for the benefit of the rural folk in the villages, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in some panchayats of the Chingleput district, for want of a public place, the radio sets are being worked in the houses of the Presidents of the Panchayat Boards and thereby the rural folk are denied their benefit? "

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Will the Government be pleased to issue instructions to the Director of Public Instruction not to insist upon the purchase of a particular type of radio sets, as the sets that have already been purchased are giving a lot of trouble?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI **PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU** :—" ఈ రేడియో సెట్లను ప్రభుత్వంవారియొక్క డిపార్టుమెంటు ద్వారా supply చేసిన తరువాత వాటిలో ఎన్ని చెడిపోయినట్లు రిపోర్టులు వచ్చాయి. వాటిమీద మంత్రిగారు ఏమి చర్యతీసు కున్నారు?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister stated that the price charged for the radio sets supplied to the local bodies was of the order of Rs. 490 in the case of mains sets and of the order of Rs. 750 in the case of battery sets. Will the Hon. Minister please tell us the cost of production to the Government of these sets?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" At present, no information is available on this point. If the hon. Member gives notice of a separate question, I shall answer it."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether installation fees for radio sets will be waived in places where the village development scheme is under execution?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" What parts of these radio sets are of Indian make and what parts are of foreign make?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put."

Grant for repairs of roads in South Arcot district.

* 29 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the amount asked for from Government by the President of the South Arcot District Board for the renewal of the roads;

(*b*) the amount sanctioned; and

(*c*) the extent of roads and their names which are reported to require immediate repairs?